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SUBJ: SPOKANE WORLD EXPOSITION: SOVIET COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST

1. DEPUTY CHIEF MFA USA DIVISION KOMPLEKTOV SUMMONED POL COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 1 TO REQUEST USG COOPERATION IN ESTABLISHING CODED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT SOVIET PAVILION AT WORLD EXPOSITION OPENING AT SPOKANE, WASHINGTON IN MAY 1974.

2. KOMPLEKTOV EXPLAINED THAT SPONSORS HAD STRONGLY URGED SOVIET PARTICIPATION AND SOVIET SIDE HAD AGREED TO SET UP A PAVILION. SOVIET EXHIBIT, ORGANIZED BY CHAMER OF COMMERCE, WILL BE THE LARGEST FOREIGN PAVILION, IT'S THEME WILL BE THE ENVIRONMENT. THERE WILL BE MANY SOVIET PERSONNEL THERE FROM MAY THROUGH OCTOBER, AND MANY OTHERS FOR SHORTER PERIODS OF TIME. SPOKANE IS FAR FROM EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND SOVIET AUTHORITIES THEREFORE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE CAPABILITY FOR CODED COMMUNICATIONS, PROBABLY VIA TELEX, WITH THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND WITH MOSCOW.

3. KOMPLEKTOV ADDED AS A SEPARATE POINT OF INFORMATION THAT THEY WANTED US TO KNOW THAT THERE WOULD BE A SECURITY OFFICER

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ATTACHED TO THE EXHIBIT WHO WOULD MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH LOCAL

POLICE AND OTHER AUTHORITIES.

4. ASKED IF SOVIET REQUEST MEANT THEY INTENDED TO HAVE ENCODING EQUIPMENT, KOMPLEKTOV SAID YES. WE SAID WE WOULD TRANSMIT THE REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. COMMENT. WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET A CLEAR IDEA WHY SOVIETS THINK THEY NEED SUCH FACILITIES. THE COMMENT ABOUT A SECURITY OFFICER, WITH THE UNSPOKEN HINT THAT THE SOVIETS REALIZE THE NEED FOR PROTECTION AGAINST POSSIBLE POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS, MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO CONVEY THE NOTION THAT THE ENCODING CAPACITY IS NEEDED IN THAT CONTEXT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT IN DUE COURSE PROVIDE US WITH RESPONSE TO KOMPLEKTOV. WE BELIEVE ANY POSITIVE ANSWER SHOULD BE CONDITIONED ON ASSURANCE OF PERMISSION FOR INSTALLATION SIMILAR FACILITY USSR IN BEHALF FUTURE U.S. ACTIVITY. DUBS

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